Subject No. 267.

Waddar cart-loads to be charged at half the rates for ordinary country cart-loads.

Mr. Lashminarasimhachar of Chamrajnagar Taluk.
" Vishakantappa of Gundlupet Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—There is a good number of waddar carts in this taluk. The capacity of these is half of the country carts. Such being the case, the Forest Department levy the same license fee on both cart-loads. The tolls too are similarly levied at the Hassanurghati and Marahalli market toll gates. The waddar carts cannot hold more than half of what the country carts can hold. This is really a hardship. It is therefore proposed to charge the waddar carts with only half the rates prescribed for country carts.

Reply of Government.—The Conservator will be asked to enquire into the practice and regulate it in accordance with the notification (G. O. No. 682-9-67-80) of 4th May 1903 if any deviation exists in the Chamrajnagar Taluk. There is already a rule that the rate for waddar cart-load is only half of that for ordinary cart-load.

Subject No. 268.

Discontinuance of levy of seigniorage on fire-wood.

Messrs. M. Venkatakrishnaiya, M. C. Ranga Iyengar, Madappa and Anantharajaiya of the Mysore City Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—It is requested that the levy of seigniorage on firewood carts at the ookkads may be discontinued.

Withdrawn.

Subject No. 269.

Discontinuance of the contract system for the removal of fuel from State Forests.

Mr. Dawood Khan of Tumkur.

Summary of discussion.—The sale of fuel from the State Forests is now worked under a system of contract. This is a source of loss to the Government and to the public. The system may be discontinued and licenses to fell and cart fuel granted to individual applicants.

Reply of Government.—Cannot be altered unless very strong reasons are assigned to the Conservator of Forests in support of the proposed change.

Subject No. 270.

Cutting green jungle wood for fuel purpose.

Mr. Patel Basappa, Shimoga Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The Government have prohibited the cutting of green jungle wood for fuel. Green wood is required for the raiyats for boiling arecanut and manufacturing jaggory, &c., and dry wood for home consumption. It is therefore requested that the raiyats may be allowed to cut and remove for fuel green jungle wood trees which are unfit for any other purpose.

Reply of Government.—Representation may be made to the Deputy Commissioner.

Subject No. 271.

Reduction of fees for grazing in State Forests.

Mr. Guru Rao.
" Patel Basappa, Shimoga Taluk.
" Srikantaiya of the Maddagiri Taluk.
" C. Narayanasami Setti, Chikballapur Taluk.
" Subba Rao, of the Heggaddevankote Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(1) The Forest authorities have since raised the rate of fees to 8 annas for each cattle grazing in State Forest. This causes hardship to the poor raiyats. It is requested that fees may be reduced to two annas per head of cattle.

(2) Pray that the raiyats may be allowed to graze their cattle in State Forests free of cost.

Reply of Government.—The rates for grazing in State Forests are :—

Ordinary rates

Cows and Oxen	...	..	4 as. per head
Buffaloes	..	..	8 as.

Nomad licenses for cattle which resort to more than one State Forest:—

	Annas.
Cows and Oxen	6 per head.
Buffaloes	12 „

The above rates are very moderate and cannot be reduced.

Subject No. 272.

Gomal lands newly included into the State Forests.

Mr. Gopalaiya, District Board Member.

Summary of discussion.—A great many gomal lands assigned for the village cattle during the last Survey Settlement have been included in the newly constituted State Forests. This has caused a great deal of inconvenience to the village cattle, because no other lands have been assigned therefor. Besides a fee of one anna per head of cattle will be imposed for grazing in the Reserved Forests. Cattle of other villages are not precluded from grazing in the State Forest of one village. It is requested that these inconveniences may be removed.

Reply of Government.—The representation refers to Holalkere, Devaragudda. The matter has been enquired into by settlement officer and disposed of in appeal by Deputy Commissioner. Nothing more can be done.

Subject No. 273.

Reduction of feeding charges in Forest cattle pounds.

Mr. M. Subba Rao of Heggaddevankote Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—As Forest cattle pounds are situated in the midst of jungles where there is abundant grass, it is prayed that the present rate of feeding charges for cattle impounded in the Forest pounds be reduced to one half of the rate now leived in Municipal cattle pounds.

Reply of Government.—No further concessions can be shown as the fine is intended to have a deterrent effect.

Subject No. 274.

Removal of restrictions to take leaves from District Forests.

Mr. Kigga Chennakes va Rao of Koppa Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The introduction of Forest Rules to the Malnad Taluks has been a source of hardship to the wet land-owner and the supari grower whose requirements in respect of leaves for manure and fire-wood are necessarily considerable. An acre of garden or wet land requires an allotment of 20 or 10 acres of forest land to meet the demands on account of fuel and leaves for manure. Besides, supari has to be prepared in the rainy season and requires plenty of fuel. It is therefore requested that the Forest Rules may be kept in abeyance till village forests are allotted for the free use of the raiyats.

Reply of Government.—A representation may be made to the Conservator if guards are not behaving properly.

FINANCE.

Subject No. 275.

Abolition of the commission on currency notes.

Mr. Yagaiyana Subba Rao,
„ Keladi Venkappa,
„ Balavanta Rao of Arsikere Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—There is a practice of levying a commission of 4 annas for every Rs. 100 of currency notes. As the merchants receive large number of currency notes from the British Territories it is requested that the commission may be abolished.

Repl of Government.—The commission is levied only in Treasuries to which special remittance has to be made for the encashment of currency notes, to meet the cost of